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Mansfield Says JFK Was Best He Worked With

Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield, who will retire at the end of this year, said yesterday that John F. Kennedy was the best President he ever worked with, Lyndon B. Johnson accomplished the most domestically, and Richard M. Nixon "didn't have the will to overcome" questionable actions by his subordinates.

Mansfield, interviewed on the television program, "Today" (NBC, WRC), gave brief assessments of the seven Presidents who occupied the White House during his 34 years in Congress.

He called Gerald R. Ford a decent and open man who will be difficult for the Democrats to defeat.